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In re Application of: Jeffrey M. LINNEN and Kevin M. GORMAN

Serial No.: 09/493,353

Art Unit: 1655

Filed: January 28, 2000

Examiner: J. Goldberg

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office

Action dated October 12, 2000 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Office

Action be extended for a period of two months, from January 12, 2001 up to and including March 12, 2001.

The extensions of time indicated below are required and have not yet
been granted:

(in spaces at right enter fee for each indicated extension)

[X]	first month, fee \$110	\$ <u>110</u>
[X]	second month, fee \$280 (\$390)	\$ <u>280</u>
[]	third month, fee \$500 (\$890)	\$
[]	fourth month, fee \$500 (\$1390)	\$
[]	fifth month, fee \$500 (\$1890)	\$

SUBTOTAL = \$390

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TOTAL \$390

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extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit
any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 12, 2001

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